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Applicant's election of Group IV in the reply filed on 20 July 2006 is acknowledged. However, the amendment with the newly added claims present new species within Group IV. In addition to the previous restriction requirement is the following tiered chemical modifier species election of one from each genera:

(A) one R2 from claims 88-90;

(B) one R4 from claims 91-95;

Should Applicant elect the R2 species of acyl, Applicant is further required to elect one subspecies from claims 96-99;

Should Applicant elect the R2 species of amino acid ester, Applicant is further required to elect one subspecies from claims 100-102.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Louise Humphrey, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-5543. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 9:30 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campbell can be reached on 571-272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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